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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)**

**THROUGH: Special Assistant to the Director  
for Planning and Coordination**

**SUBJECT: Proposed DCID 15/1**

1. The attached is an IAC cover sheet, drafted in accordance with your request, to transmit the proposed DCID 15/1 you handed me last Monday.

2. I recommend against this approach in handling this problem because:

a. I believe it will have the effect of unnecessarily embroiling ourselves with the military in a problem which thus far has been primarily a problem between ourselves and the State Department.

b. It really does not get at the root of the problem, which is: Do we so discharge our coordination responsibility in the economic area under NSCID 15 as to fully utilize the intelligence resources of the government? This responsibility in relation to the State Department, has seemingly become onerous and we are hence in this DCID seeking to find an easier way. In my opinion, the answer lies rather in admitting the rights of the Department in the economic field as was true when NSCID 3 and NSCID 15 are written and accommodating to those rights.

3. Because of the foregoing, I recommend that Mr. Bissell be requested by the DCI to explore with the State Department and

State Dept. review completed

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the DDI whether an accommodation can be reached and an understanding developed between CIA and the Department which would not at this time require a further refinement of NSCID 15. It is anticipated that if this course were followed it might well be only a matter of a year or two before the divisions of responsibility in the proposed DCID 15/1 come about naturally. It is hard to believe that the funds expended by the State Department for orbit economic intelligence research can be attacked as unprofitable duplication of ORR in the face of the prior existence of States' activity in the field (that is prior to CIA's engaging approximately  people to do research in detail in this area).

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**Attachment**

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1 - Mr. Bissell  
2 - OIC (file)

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